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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

BRO-FRY

PRFLIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 23-FEB-2004

> **RANGE MAJORITY** WTD. AVG. LOADS

> > **Previous Week**

steady on wings, steady to cautiously steady on breast cuts and unsettled on dark meat.

157.862

US GRADE A 67.5-82 69-72 71.91 27

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-04

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

Current Week

156.084

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

72.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

71.93

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price

on ice packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
<u>ITEM</u> <u>(CE</u>	NTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	218.00	1,229
BREASTS - B/S	192.50	5,376
BREASTS - WHOLE	99.00	1,727
THIGH MEAT - B/S	120.50	981
LEG QUARTERS	39.50	7,540
WINGS	121.50	2,910

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices into the Chicago area for next weeks' deliveries were unchanged from Tuesday's final. The whole broiler/fryer continued on a steady market tone. Offerings were limited. Trade interest was spotty and generally light. Retail movement remained slow to fair with limited expectation for increased demand for end of the month. Food service trade continued to be uneven with fairly good demand into fast food promotions. Floor stocks were barely adequate to long. Weights were desirable to occasionally heavy. Supplies of leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts slightly more available and wings were in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20, 2004

	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK		CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
8-16 LB HENS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	61.50**	61.50**	61.00**	EASTERN REGION	58.63**	58.50**	58.50**
CENTRAL REGION	61.00**	61.00**	60.00**	CENTRAL REGION	58.00**	58.00**	57.50**
WESTERN REGION	62.00**	62.00**	60.50**	WESTERN REGION	59.00**	59.00**	57.00**

^{**}BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION		<u>LIVE TURKEYS SLA</u>	LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED			
WEEK ENDING 14-	Feb-2004 (PRELIMINARY)		YOUNG	YOUNG		
Y	DUNG CHICKENS		HENS	TOMS		
THOUSANDS			THOUSANDS			
HEAD	152,505	HEAD	1,708	2,385		
AVG WT	5.16	AVG WT	15.61	36.88		
LAST WEEK	153,788	LAST WEEK	1,669	2,403		
SAME WK YR AGO	152,044	SAME WK YR AGO	1,717	2,575		
AVG WT	5.15	AVG WT	15.59	37.6		
TO-DATE/2004	921,007	TO-DATE/2004	10,073	14,503		
TO-DATE/2003	903,375	TO-DATE/2003	10,134	15,568		

FRESH PORK CUTS			FRESH BEEF CUTS			
FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	
Loin						
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	111.00 - 124.00	115.58	112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls,heavy	420.00 470.03	433.85	
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	162.00 - 164.00	163.38	Round			
Trimmed Butt			168 3 Round, top inside round	143.29 157.00	147.46	
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy	75.00	75.00	180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	485.00 525.00	513.56	
SPARERIB			Ground Beef 81%	104.00 121.25	110.17	
3BAG/3 PCVAC4 25#/DN-LGT	138 00	138 00				

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